

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A set of stored instructions embodied on a medium that, when read by a programmable processor, results in the processor performing a process, the process comprising:
collecting meta data information describing media files available for experiencing
by a user using a host of the process;
receiving from a process executing at a remote client a request for at least some of
the meta data information;
communicating to the remote client process the requested meta data information
and an identifier for each media file described by the requested meta data
information, the identifier uniquely identifying the media file;
receiving from the remote client process a request to transfer a media file selected
by the user at the remote client, the request including the identifier of the
selected media file; and
transmitting the requested media file to the remote client as a stream, so that the
user is able to select from the media files available to the user at the host
one or more media files to be experienced by the user at the remote client.
2. (Original) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the identifier is a
uniform resource identifier.
3. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the
process further comprises communicating to a remote server a wide area network
(WAN) address to be used to connect to the process over the WAN.
4. (Currently amended) The set of stored instructions of claim 3, wherein the
process further comprises determining whether a connection can be established
with the process via the WAN [[[WAN)]]].

5. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises configuring a network address translation (NAT) router to enable the process to receive communications from a wide area network (WAN).
6. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises automatically discovering other instances of the process running on other host devices connected to the process host, the other host devices having media files available for experiencing by the user.
7. (Original) The set of stored instructions of claim 6, wherein the process reports to the remote server information on the other instances of the process discovered by the process.
8. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 6, wherein the other instances of the process have associated client processes, and wherein the process receives a request from the remote client process to transmit a media file as a stream to one of the other client processes.
9. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises searching the host for media files and storing meta data describing the located media files.
10. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 9, wherein the process searches media further comprises searching devices connected with the host for media files.
11. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 1, wherein the process transmits one stream at a time.

12. (Previously presented) A set of stored instructions embodied on a medium that, when read by a programmable processor, results in the processor performing a process at a local host, the process comprising:
connecting to an agent process executing at a remote host;
receiving from the agent process information and an identifier for each media file available for experiencing by a user using the remote host, the identifier uniquely identifying the media file;
receiving at least one media file selection by a user using the information received from the agent process;
transmitting to the agent process a request for the media file selection as a stream, so that the user is able to select from the media files available to the user at the remote host one or more media files to be experienced by the user at the local host.
13. (Original) The set of stored instructions of claim 12, wherein the unique identifier comprises a uniform resource identifier (URI).
14. (Original) The set of stored instructions of claim 12, wherein the process further comprises transmitting a request for information describing media files available for streaming to the client process.
- 15-17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously presented) The set of stored instructions of claim 12, wherein the process further comprises:
connecting over a wide area network (WAN) to a central server;
authenticating with the central server using an identifier associated with the agent process;
obtaining from the central server a WAN address for the agent process; and
connecting to the agent process using the WAN address.